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Dear Jil:

On June 10 and 17, 2008, I conducted aerial detection surveys for gypsy moth-caused tree defoliation at 32 USDI Park Service sites in and around Washington, DC. The surveyed sites are listed below:

Anacostia Park
Barnard Hill Park
Battery Kemble Park
Baltimore-Washington Parkway (south of MD RT 175)
Dumbarton Oaks Park
Ft. Bunker Hill Park
Ft. Chaplin Park
Ft. Dupont Park
Ft. Foote Park
Ft Mahan Park
Ft. Slocum Park
Ft. Stanton Park
Ft. Totten Park
Ft. Washington Park
Glover Archbold Park
Great Falls (south end of C&O Canal)
Greenbelt Park
Kenilworth Aquatic Gardens
Little Forest Park
Melvin Hazen Park
Meridian Hill Park
Montrose Park
Oxon Hill Children's Farm
Oxon Run Parkway
Piscataway Park
Potomac Parkway
Rock Creek Park
Soapstone Valley Park
Suitland Parkway
Whitehaven Parkway

Approximately .6 of an acre was detected at the Oxon Hill Children's Farm (Figure 1). No defoliation was detected at, or in the immediate vicinity of, any of the other sites.

However, if you anticipate requesting either financial or technical assistance for gypsy moth control in 2009, please contact Brad Onken (304) 285-1546 or me (304) 285-1555 before August 22, 2008.

Sincerely,

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Figure 1. Results of the aerial dectection survey conducted at the Oxon Hill Childrens Farm on June 10, 2008.